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photographing means for performing a photographing operation, the photographing means being accommodated in the substantially flat body and having a photographing optical axis substantially parallel to the plane direction of the substantially flat body; and

a plurality of activating means each for activating the photographing operation of the photographing means, the plurality of activating means being provided on the substantially flat body in the plane and thickness directions.

59. (Amended) A portable apparatus comprising:

a substantially flat body having a plane direction and a thickness direction, the substantially flat body being thinner in the thickness direction, the plane direction being substantially perpendicular to the thickness direction;

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a photographing optical system configured to perform a photographing operation and positioned in the substantially flat body such that the photographing optical system has a photographing optical axis substantially parallel to the plane direction of the substantially flat body; and

a plurality of release buttons each configured to activate the photographing operation of the photographing optical system.

60. (Amended) The portable apparatus of Claim 59, wherein:

the plurality of release buttons comprises a first and second release buttons; and

the first release button of the plurality of release buttons is provided on a side surface of the substantially flat body corresponding with a photographing object side plane of the photographing optical system, and the second release button of the plurality of release buttons is provided on an upper surface of the substantially flat body, the upper surface facing upward when the photographing optical axis of the photographing optical system is horizontal and the photographing object side plane of the photographing optical system is directed toward the object.

70. (Amended) A portable apparatus comprising:

a substantially flat body having a plane direction and a thickness direction, the substantially flat body being thinner in the thickness direction, the plane direction being substantially perpendicular to the thickness direction;

photographing means for performing a photographing operation, the photographing means being positioned in the substantially flat body such that the photographing means has a photographing optical axis substantially parallel to the plane direction of the substantially flat body; and

a plurality of activating means each for activating the photographing operation of the photographing means, the plurality of activating means being provided on the substantially flat body in the plane and thickness directions.

REMARKS

Favorable consideration of this application, as presently amended and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-76 are presently pending in this application, Claims 1-31, 33-58, 68, 69 and 71-76 having been withdrawn from further consideration by the Examiner, Claims 32, 59, 60 and 70 having been amended by the present amendment.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 32, 59 and 70 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Kinnard (U.S. Patent 4,685,787); Claim 60 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Kinnard in view of Kobayashi (U.S. Patent 5,740,478) or in view of Lind et al. (U.S. Patent 3,098,417); Claims 61, 62, 64 and 66 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Kinnard in view of Kobayashi or in view of Lind et al.; Claims 63, 65, and 67 were rejected under 35 U.S.C.